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From: "McKenna, Elizabeth" <Mckenna.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 06 2014 17:11:16 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Seal, Robert" <rseal@usgs.gov>
Subject: Take Two: Bristol Bay Congressional Oversight Documents
Attachments: EPA-PNL-445.pdf EPA-PNL-456.pdf EPA-PNL-553.pdf EPA-PNL-561.pdf EPA-PNL-596.pdf EPA-PNL-597.pdf
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From: "McKenna, Elizabeth" <Mckenna.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 06 2014 17:49:19 GMT-0700 (MST)
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Subject: FW: Take Two: Bristol Bay Congressional Oversight Documents

That would be Tuesday, March 11th, not 12th. Let's see how many emails it takes me to get this one right!

From: McKenna, Elizabeth
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 4:10 PM
To: 'Seal, Robert'
Cc: Klasen, Matthew

EPA-6363-0000001

Subject: Take Two: Bristol Bay Congressional Oversight Documents

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From: "Seal, Robert" <rseal@usgs.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 06 2014 18:09:30 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "McKenna, Elizabeth" <McKenna.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Take Two: Bristol Bay Congressional Oversight Documents

Elizabeth,

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Bob

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Sent: Thu Mar 06 2014 18:10:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Seal, Robert" <rseal@usgs.gov>
Subject: RE: Take Two: Bristol Bay Congressional Oversight Documents

Thank you for your quick review!

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Sent: Thu Oct 23 2014 16:53:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Seal, Robert" <rseal@usgs.gov>
Subject: RE: Take Two: Bristol Bay Congressional Oversight Documents
Attachments: USGS October 2014 .zip

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From: "Seal, Robert" <rseal@usgs.gov>
Sent: Fri Oct 24 2014 05:36:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "McKenna, Elizabeth" <McKenna.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Take Two: Bristol Bay Congressional Oversight Documents

Elizabeth,

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From: "Seal, Robert" <rseal@usgs.gov>
Sent: Fri Oct 24 2014 05:46:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Marti Miller <mlmiller@usgs.gov>, Daniel Hayba <dhayba@usgs.gov>, Harry Lerch <tlersch@usgs.gov>, Suzanne Nicholson <swnich@usgs.gov>, Lawrence Meinert <lmeinert@usgs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Take Two: Bristol Bay Congressional Oversight Documents

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Attachments: USGS October 2014 .zip

Marti,

This is just an FYI. I have been contacted several times over the past 9 months by EPA asking me to review email correspondence between USGS and EPA regarding the Bristol Bay Assessment and give approval for their release. These requests have been motivated by various requests by Congress as they investigate EPA's actions related to the assessments.

Most, but not all, of the emails directly involve me. I have reviewed and approved all emails that have been sent to me by EPA and plan to continue doing so. My correspondence with EPA has been based on objective, scientific technical advice, so I do not expect any controversy to arise from the USGS's role.

I just wanted to let you, my point contact in Alaska, know that this has been going on. Feel free to forward this email up the ladder as you see fit. Feel free to contact me as you see fit. Let me know if you have any questions.

Bob

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **McKenna, Elizabeth** <Mckenna.Elizabeth@epa.gov>

Date: Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 6:53 PM

Subject: RE: Take Two: Bristol Bay Congressional Oversight Documents

To: "Seal, Robert" <rseal@usgs.gov>

Cc: "Klasen, Matthew" <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Steiner-Riley, Cara" <Steiner-Riley.Cara@epa.gov>

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